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# A BILL FOR AN ACT CONCERNING TRACKING THE UTILITY DATA OF A STATE BUILDING THAT HAS ACHIEVED THE HIGHEST PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATION ATTAINABLE AS PART OF ITS CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

## **Bill Summary**

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries.)

For all state-assisted facilities that complete the design process on or after July 1, 2013, each state agency is required to monitor, track, and

verify utility vendor bill data pertaining to the state-assisted facility and annually report to the office of the state architect any necessary information used to ensure that the increased initial costs of the substantial renovation, design, or new construction, including the time value of money, to achieve the highest performance certification attainable are recouped. A state agency may use a commercial utility tracking software for this purpose. The annual report must include information related to building performance based on the state-assisted facility's utility consumption.

State-assisted facilities that have achieved the highest performance certification attainable and completed the design process prior to July 1, 2013, are strongly encouraged to monitor, track, and verify utility vendor bill data pertaining to such state-assisted facility to ensure that the increased initial costs to achieve the highest performance certification attainable are recouped.

1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

**SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

- (a) Part of addressing the budget challenges facing state government includes employing measures to steward public resources to save money, water, and energy, and to ensure that those savings are attained;
- (b) The daily activities of state government have a significant impact on the quality of the state's budget, public health, environment, and use of its natural resources. To achieve greening government goals and to measure progress toward those goals, further reductions in state agency consumption of water and energy are necessary, and to be effective, systematic collection of reduction data must be implemented.
- (c) The evaluation, upgrading, and optimized operation of state-assisted facilities will expand opportunities for skilled jobs in construction trades, engineering, operations, sales, and innovative technologies;

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(d) Investing in energy efficiency contributes to stable, long-term economic growth, encourages job creation, and enhances stewardship of natural resources;

- (e) While previous legislation has required a state agency or department to perform any substantial renovation, design, or new construction of a state-assisted facility to achieve the highest performance standard certification attainable, the state agencies and departments are not statutorily required to track the data needed to measure whether the certification is indeed attained; and
- (f) In order to manage our state-assisted facilities to attain the highest performance standard possible, it is important to measure the resource usage of such facilities carefully and to evaluate whether the facilities are performing at an optimum level.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-30-1305, amend (9) (b); and repeal (9) (c) (IV) as follows:

24-30-1305. Life-cycle cost - application - high performance standards - report. (9) (b) (I) A state agency or department controlling the substantial renovation, design, or new construction of a state-assisted facility shall, pursuant to the program adopted in paragraph (a) of this subsection (9), perform the substantial renovation, design, or new construction to achieve the highest performance certification attainable as certified by an independent third party pursuant to the high performance standard certification program. For purposes of this paragraph (b), a certification is attainable if the increased initial costs of the substantial renovation, design, or new construction, including the time value of money, TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATION ATTAINABLE can be recouped from decreased operational costs within

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fifteen years.

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2 (II) (A)FOR ALL STATE-ASSISTED FACILITIES THAT HAVE 3 COMPLETED THE DESIGN PROCESS ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2013, EACH STATE 4 AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT SHALL MONITOR, TRACK, AND VERIFY UTILITY 5 VENDOR BILL DATA PERTAINING TO THE STATE-ASSISTED FACILITY AND 6 MUST ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT, OR AN 7 ANALOGOUS SUCCESSOR OFFICE IN THE DEPARTMENT, ANY NECESSARY 8 INFORMATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE ARCHITECT, THAT THE 9 STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT USES TO ENSURE THAT THE INCREASED 10 INITIAL COSTS OF THE SUBSTANTIAL RENOVATION, DESIGN, OR NEW 11 CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING THE TIME VALUE OF MONEY, TO ACHIEVE THE 12 HIGHEST PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATION ATTAINABLE ARE IN FACT 13 RECOUPED. A STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT MAY USE A COMMERCIAL 14 UTILITY TRACKING SOFTWARE OR OTHER TRACKING PROGRAM APPROVED 15 BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ARCHITECT TO MONITOR, TRACK, AND VERIFY 16 THE STATE-ASSISTED FACILITY AS SET FORTH IN THIS SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH 17 (A). THE ANNUAL REPORT MUST ALSO INCLUDE INFORMATION RELATED TO 18 BUILDING PERFORMANCE BASED ON THE STATE-ASSISTED FACILITY'S 19 UTILITY CONSUMPTION. 20 (B) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY FINDS, DETERMINES, AND 21 DECLARES THAT STATE-ASSISTED FACILITIES THAT HAVE ACHIEVED THE 22 HIGHEST PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATION ATTAINABLE AND COMPLETED THE 23 DESIGN PROCESS PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2013, ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO 24 MONITOR, TRACK, AND VERIFY UTILITY VENDOR BILL DATA PERTAINING TO

SUCH STATE-ASSISTED FACILITY IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE

INCREASED INITIAL COSTS TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST PERFORMANCE

CERTIFICATION ATTAINABLE ARE IN FACT RECOUPED. IF SUCH DATA IS

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1	MONITORED, TRACKED, AND VERIFIED, THEN THE STATE AGENCY OR
2	DEPARTMENT MUST ANNUALLY REPORT TO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE
3	ARCHITECT, OR AN ANALOGOUS SUCCESSOR OFFICE IN THE DEPARTMENT,
4	ANY NECESSARY INFORMATION, AS DETERMINED BY THE STATE
5	ARCHITECT, THAT THE STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT USES TO ENSURE
6	THAT THE INCREASED INITIAL COSTS OF THE SUBSTANTIAL RENOVATION,
7	DESIGN, OR NEW CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING THE TIME VALUE OF MONEY,
8	TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATION ATTAINABLE ARE
9	IN FACT RECOUPED. IF SUCH DATA IS NOT MONITORED, TRACKED, AND
10	VERIFIED, THEN THE STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT MUST PROVIDE THE
11	STATE ARCHITECT, IN WRITING, A REASONABLE EXPLANATION WHY SUCH
12	DATA IS NOT MONITORED, TRACKED, AND VERIFIED BY THE STATE AGENCY
13	OR DEPARTMENT. ANY STATE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT THAT IS NOT
4	MONITORING, TRACKING, AND VERIFYING SUCH DATA MUST WORK WITH
15	THE STATE ARCHITECT TO FIND A WAY TO START MONITORING, TRACKING,
16	VERIFYING, AND REPORTING SUCH DATA.
17	(c) (IV) A state-assisted facility may be exempted from complying
8	with this section upon a determination by the executive director that
9	extenuating circumstances exist such as to preclude the implementation
20	of this subsection (9).
21	SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds,
22 .	determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
23	preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.